(i) the ad-hoc employees should have rendered one year's service as on 1-1-1985.

(ii) Should be within 25 years of age at the time of appointment. Since these 15 candidates did not fulfil the second condition and they were allover-age, their services had to be terminated.

(b) No Sir. They were appointed as a stop gap arrangement till regular incumbents were available and would have been allowed to take part in the Special Qualiying Examination if they had been within the prescribed age limits. As they were all over-age at the time of their appointmnt on ad-hoc basis on 28-9-83, they were not eligible for the qualifying examination.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise, in view of what is stated at (a) and (b) above.

Transfer of quota by AEPC

2246. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to quota policy of AEPC and the applications for transfer of PP quotas and declaration of transferees files during 1984 and 1985 and state:

(a) the total number of applications in each country category for which AEPC authorised transfer of quota along with the total number of PCS transferred in each country category during each month of 1984 and 1985; and

(b) the total number of applications in each country category for which AEPC authorised transfer of quota along with the total number of PCS transferred in each country category for USA and EEC on each AEPC working day since 1st January, 1985 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The details of such transactions are not compiled by the Apparel Export Promotion Council.

Ban on import of meat by certain countries

2247. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of those countries which have banned the import of mutton and buffalo meat in their countries during the last two years;

(b) the loss of foreign exchange suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have put a ban on the import of buffalo meat from India from April, 1983 and October, 1985 respectively on account of rinderpest disease in Indian cattle. Exports of buffalo meat to these countries have registered a decline.

(c) India had earlier been classified by the FAO as an area where "disease is much reduced but still exists" in regard to rinderpest. The matter was taken up with the FAO and India has since been classified in the category "low sporadic occureance confined to certain regions." The matter has been taken up with the Saudi Arabia and Kuwait authorities for lifting the ban.

Compulsory pre-shipment inspection has been prescribed to ensure quality of meat exported from India. Efforts have been made to diversify and locate new markets viz. Malaysia.